

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2008, claims 1 and 31 have been amended, and claims 32-34 have been added. Claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 31-33 are now pending in this application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gassho et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,180,626).

To expedite prosecution, independent claim 1 has been amended to delineate, *inter alia*:

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wherein the specific address is *a* shared ***address commonly used to address*** the information processing device and ***to address*** the one or more other information processing devices.

Gassho discloses a computer system 10 that includes a plurality of personal computers 20, 30 and 40 and a plurality of printers 50, 60 and 70. See Fig. 1 of Gassho. When a large number of print jobs are sent from the client PCs 20, 30 and 40 to one printer 50 (60 or 70) in a concentrated manner and there is a long queue of print jobs in the printer 50 (60 or 70), the print load distribution application 80 transfers at least one print job in the queue to the printer control circuit 53 of another printer 60 or 70 (50) having spare capacity. See column 10, lines 20-30.

The Examiner has relied on element 101 of Figure 13 as disclosing the specific address. However, Figure 13 of Gassho et al. merely discloses that a specific address is shared in the sense that client PCs 20, 30, and 40 have the address of the job receiver unit 101. That is, Figure 13 of Gassho et al. does not disclose that the specific address is a shared address commonly used to address the client PCs 20, 30, and 40, as not required by amended independent claim 1. Therefore, amended independent claim 1, as well as claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 31 are patentable over Gassho et al.

New Claims 32-34 are Patentable

New claims 32-34, each depending from amended independent claim 1 are added.

Claim 32 delineates that each information processing device is a printer and claim 33 delineates that the specific address is a virtual network address.

Claim 34 adds a frame analysis section for analyzing whether the received data is data transmitted to a particular address of the information processing device or not and whether the received data is data transmitted to the specific address or not, wherein the registration processing section adds and registers all the data transmitted to the particular address into the storage section.

New claims 32-34 are patentable at least due to their dependence on allowable independent claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein

CONCLUSION

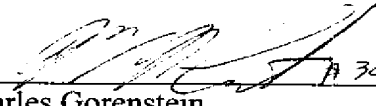
In view of the above, applicant(s) believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise (Reg. No. 34,523) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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